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order to ascertain the truth. The Mexican health officer is lending me all the assistance in his power, but as yet I have not found a single case of smallpox, nor is any case of this disease on this side of the river. The same vigilant watch is kept up as usual on the pedestrian and railroad bridges, and all trains coming from Mexico are examined by me daily.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully,

LEA HUME,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Alexandria, Va.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., *January 20, 1899.*

SIR: As directed by you, I have the honor to report a case of varioloid, which was discovered and sent to the pesthouse to-day. This makes a total of 8 smallpox and 3 varioloid to 6 p. m. this date. * * *

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR SNOWDEN, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, VA., *January 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that Jos. Etheridge, permit 222, who was sent to the hospital January 11, suffering from influenza and malaria, developed smallpox on the 14th instant, and at my request was taken in charge by the health authorities and sent to the Norfolk city pesthouse for treatment.

Respectfully, yours,

EDWD. E. FEILD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

NORFOLK, VA., *January 17, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there are now less than 90 cases of smallpox in the Norfolk city pesthouse. The total number of cases to date has been, approximately, 135.

Respectfully, yours,

EDWD. E. FEILD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.